

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
AKIHIRO MATSUYA : Examiner: Shewaye Gelagay  
Application No.: 10/646,797 ) : Art Unit: 2137  
Filed: August 25, 2003 ) : Conf. No.: 1223  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM AND )  
AUTHENTICATION METHOD :  
OF THE SAME ) : October 15, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Prior to continued examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows:

- amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins on page 2, and
- remarks begin on page 7.